

Gang Prosecution Techniques

Course Length: 3 days (24 hours).

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Court recognized Gang Expert

The goal of this course is to provide investigators, prosecutors, and probation and corrections personnel with the knowledge and tools to proactively "attack" and "dismantle" organized criminal gangs. The course focuses on how to properly collect, preserve, and use gang evidence to properly prove the existence of the gang. Furthermore the course demonstrates how to effectively use the documentation to connect and prove that individuals are connected to the gang. The course demonstrates how to identify the purpose of the gang as well as how to document and show the criminal impact of the gang. The course highlights the difference between documenting for an intelligence file and evidence that can be introduced into court.

The course explains how to qualify as an expert witness and how to effectively use the expert witness to establish the existence of the gang, motive, intent, and participation in crimes related to the gang. The course will also explain defense attorney tactics currently being used in gang cases. The course will demonstrate how to effectively use social networking sites in gang investigations and how to introduce the evidence in court proceedings.

The concepts taught in this course have been used to effectively dismantle organized criminal gangs and take back communities that had been previously controlled by these organizations. The course highlights specialized federal and state investigative techniques and concepts that have been used to successfully dismantle criminal organizations that were previously unstoppable by traditional law enforcement techniques. Emphasis is placed upon disrupting, and dismantling the gang. Effective legal strategies such as the Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organization Act (RICO) and gang enhancement statutes will be highlighted. In conjunction with this, Violent Crimes in Aid of Racketeering (VCAR), Continuing Criminal Enterprise (CCE), Conspiracy cases, and Hobbs Act elements are discussed as a means to disrupt and dismantle the gang. Additionally, a series of practical exercises will be utilized to demonstrate how to prepare for a case funding request as well as the submission and presentation of a gang RICO, VCAR, or Conspiracy case to the court.

Course Objectives

- Develop documentation to prove the existence of the gang.
- Develop documentation to prove the connection of individuals and crime to the gang.
- Examples of how to manage case files for complex investigations; RICO, VCAR, CCE, and Conspiracy type investigations.
- Courtroom testimony and trial tactics.
- Utilize successful investigative techniques for criminal enterprise investigations.

- Utilize target assessment techniques to identify the organizations responsible for the criminal activities in your jurisdiction.
- State the requirements for completing a gang, RICO, CCE, or conspiracy investigation.
- Utilize successful prosecution strategies for dismantling the more complex criminal organizations.
- Develop case funding documentation and supporting materials for presentation to a funding committee.
- Develop documentation for case submission and presentation to the court.

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This is a 2-day course.

Registration is available through the WRCTC website at www.wrctc.org

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